Why Do You need a Savior?

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth.

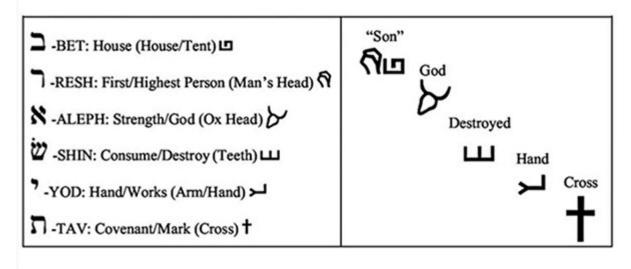
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day". Gen 1-5

Believe it or not the plan of salvation can be summed up in the first verse or literally the first word of the Hebrew text. Let me explain. "In the Beginning" or "Barasheet" in the ancient text, you can see the modern form of the letter for house for example and then how it was written originally on the right and what each symbol represents.

In the beginning (בראשית)



GENESIS 1:1 SAYS JESUS IS GOD



In short it describes how God would destroy the sinful works of our hands on the cross. A video here goes into more detail.

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That would explains when the plan was put into effect. "In the beginning". But Why? Why didn't God Just make a perfect Man that could do no wrong in a perfect world and be done with it? Why go through all the trouble?

To answer that question we must first try to understand the nature of God. The Word of God States that Isaiah 45:18

"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else".

Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them".

Exodus 34:14 "for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God"

Psalms 8:5 "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor".

So we see here that Man being made in Gods image requires a relationship, but this can only be attained by one thing. It's called FREE WILL.

Knowing ahead of time the nature of man, who was created perfect, in a perfect environment and giving perfect instructions on how he should live, and fellowship with God his creator; And giving the nature of God who desires the love and attention of his Children,

Romans 8:16 "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God".

Then Free Will was an attribute that was necessary in order for Man to choose between serving God or serving sin. We have a choice. So God gave us a way out because John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".

Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

So Christ was once offered to <u>bear the sins</u> of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Because 2nd Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance".

In other words

1. God made Man

- 2. God gave him free will
- 3. God knew man would sin because of free will.
- 4. God loved Man so Much that he came to earth himself and took the penalty for man.

 Once and forever.

God came to Earth to do what only God was capable of doing. Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law (In Old Testament) purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission".

He became our advocate.

1st John:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;

Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".